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On June 16, 2006, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing released a request for proposal (RFP) soliciting bids for its "Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Takeover of Fiscal Agent Services." On August 31, 2006, the Department announced a "Notice of Intent to Award" the contract to the incumbent, ACS State Healthcare, LLC, for those services. Current fiscal agent operations are set to expire on June 30, 2007, and new fiscal agent operations will begin July 1, 2007.

The State of Colorado's current MMIS fiscal agent contract has been in place since 1996. The fiscal agent is paid over \$20 million per year for processing claims and performing other duties for Colorado medical programs. These programs purchase over \$2.4 billion worth of medical services for Medicaid, Child Health Plan Plus, and State-only programs. This award allows the Department to enhance the system and services provided to the State, and the providers and clients of these programs.

"While it is important to implement a competitive process for proposals, we are pleased to continue our current relationship with ACS State Healthcare, LLC. This continuity will reduce confusion for clients and providers that tends to result when contracting with a new fiscal agent. The transition will be seamless", said Lisa Esgar, the Department's Senior Director of Operations and Finance.

